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1. IRISH PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, INCLUDING EXPENDITURE OF
LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WAS PROBABLY OVER 55 PERCENT OF GNP
IN 1977, AND LOOKS LIKELY TO CLIMB TO AN EVEN HIGHER

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PROPORTION THIS YEAR. A LONG HISTORY OF STATE
PARTICIPATION IN MAJOR ENTERPRISE EXISTS; OF THE LARGEST
FIFTEEN VENTURES IN IRELAND, FIVE ARE SEMI-STATE BODIES.
THE LIST OF STATE-OWNED OPERATIONS INCLUDES: UTILITIES
SUCH AS THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD; TRANSPORTATION
MONOPOLIES SUCH AS CIE (INTER AND INTRA-CITY SURFACE
TRANSPORT) AND INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIER AER LINGUS;

RTE RADIO AND TELEVISION; AND COMPANIES AS DIVERSE AS THE IRISH SUGAR COMPANY AND NET (FERTILIZER PRODUCTION).

2. FIGURES ON GOVERNMENT OR STATE BODY

PROCUREMENT OF US PRODUCTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, NUMEROUS INSTANCES OF SUCH PURCHASES HAVE OCCURRED. AER LINGUS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS AN INTERNATIONAL FLEET CONSISTING LARGELY OF BOEING AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING TEN 737S AND TWO 747S. TWO ADDITIONAL 737S TOGETHER WITH SPARE PARTS (VALUED AT \$22 MILLION) ARE ON ORDER FOR SPRING 1979. SLIGHTLY OVER A YEAR AGO THE CIE OBTAINED 18 DIESEL ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES FROM GENERAL MOTORS AT A COST OF ABOUT \$11 MILLION. MILITARY PURCHASES IN 1977 CONSISTED MOSTLY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS GEAR -- TOTALLING ABOUT \$500,000. IT MIGHT BE ARGUED THAT THESE ITEMS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRODUCED IN IRELAND, AT ANY RATE, AND THAT THE PROPOSED "BUY AMERICA" LEGISLATION WOULD THEREFORE NOT RESULT IN ANY GOI REACTION WHICH WOULD EFFECT SUCH MAJOR PURCHASES. IN TERMS OF THIS KIND OF PROCUREMENT US SUPPLIERS HAVE LESS TO FEAR FROM A "BUY IRELAND" CAMPAIGN (IN FACT THERE IS A MODEST ONE UNDERWAY DIRECTED AT CONSUMER GOODS) THAN THEY DO FROM PROTECTIONISM WITHIN THE NINE AS A WHOLE. A CONCERTED EFFORT BY IRELAND'S LARGER EC PARTNERS TO INDUCE THE GOI TO BUY EUROPEAN WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THIS SMALL, RELATIVELY UNDERDEVELOPED NATION TO RESIST.

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3. AMONG THE PROJECTS WHICH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ARE PURSUING (OR WILL BE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE) ARE: A REVAMPING OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM; A MAJOR HARBOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEME; INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY GENERATING CAPACITY, PROBABLY INCLUDING A NUCLEAR PLANT; A FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE AER LINGUS FLEET DURING THE EARLY 1980S TO INCLUDE A THIRD JUMBO AND A WIDE BODIED JET FOR EUROPEAN CHARTER SERVICE; THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FISHERIES SURVEILLANCE CAPACITY, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE SPOTTER AIRCRAFT; AND A MODEST BUT CONTINUING EFFORT TO MODERNIZE MILITARY FORCES.

4. A DEPARTURE IN RECENT YEARS FROM TRADITIONAL TRADE PATTERNS HAS PROVIDED AMERICAN SUPPLIERS WITH GREATER OPPORTUNITIES IN IRISH MARKETS. ANY RISE IN EC PROTECTIONISM WOULD WORK TO OUR COMMERCIAL DISADVANTAGE HERE, IN TERMS OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR PROCUREMENT. SHANNON

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